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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/090,672 )  
Filed: June 4, 1998 )  
For: IgA NEPHROPATHY-RELATED )  
GENES )  
Examiner: Joseph T. Voitach  
Group Art Unit: 1632  
April 29, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003 to April 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension in connection with this paper, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2003 (Paper No. 1), please amend the application as follows:

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